

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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ATTN: Richard Pratt, Project Manager

Public Notice Date: July 28, 2006 Expiration Date: August 26, 2006

Reference: 200600394

Name: Kitsap Transit, Passenger Ferry Beach nourishment Demonstration Project

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT: Kitsap Transit

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AGENT: Pacific International Engineering

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<u>LOCATION</u>: At one point on the shoreline of Port Orchard and three points along the shoreline of Rich Passage, in Kitsap County, Washington. The four points are at Enetai Beach in Bremerton, Point White and Pleasant Beach on Bainbridge Island, and Point Glover, on the Port Orchard peninsula.

<u>WORK</u>: Jurisdictional impacts include placement of 3800 cubic yards of sand, gravel, and cobble. This fill will cover a total of 2.5 acres of the intertidal zone at the four locations. The distribution of the fill material for the four sites is shown in the table below. A plan view and cross-section of each of the four sites is attached.

Site	Estimated Erosion Volume	Proposed Fill Volume	Placement Length	Area
	(cubic feet)	(cubic yards)	(linear feet)	(acres)
Enetai Beach	47° 34' 47" N, 122 ° 35' 57" W	700	354	0.3
Point White	47° 35′ 27" N, 122 ° 33′ 58" W	1900	1281	1
Pleasant Beach	47° 35' 39" N, 122 ° 32' 14" W	700	700	0.6
Point Glover	47° 35' 23" N, 122 ° 33' 24" W	500	726	0.6
Total		3800	3061	2.5

Additional Information:

The beach nourishment project would place a volume of sediment on the beach roughly equivalent to the volume estimated to have been displaced during the past operations of the State-run passenger fast ferries, and to test whether the nourishment helps make the beach more resilient to the effects of wave energy created by fast ferry operations, other boat traffic, and wind and storm conditions. The beach profile response during the operation of the fast passenger ferries Chinook and Snohomish ferries is documented. These results were used as the basis for the proposed project. Identification of the beach nourishment volumes and material types for each site were developed from a profile analysis and characterization of the existing sediments.

Placement of the fill would occur from a barge. The barge will be maneuvered to the foreshore at the beach nourishment sites at high tide. Sediment would be offloaded from the barge with a clamshell or conveyor at high tide. The barge would not be allowed to ground out onto the sediments during low tide. Sediment would then be redistributed and graded on the foreshore at low tide. One to two days would be required for placement and grading of the fill at each site, depending on volume to be placed and weather conditions.

The nourished sites and adjacent, non-nourished sites would be monitored over time to measure their response to "typical" existing conditions, "extreme" (i.e. storm) conditions, and exposure to wakes generated by high-speed ferries that may operate on the Seattle-Bremerton route and to guide future actions for protecting and enhancing the health of shorelines along Rich Passage.

The locations were selected based upon data gathered during Phase 1 of the study that suggest these areas exhibit the greatest potential for erosion from natural forces, existing vessel traffic, high-speed vessel wakes, or a combination of these factors.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: To evaluate the feasibility of beach nourishment as restoration and enhancement of the shallow intertidal zone along Port Orchard and Rich Passage to address wave energy created by wind, boat, and fast ferry traffic.

Beaches along Rich Passage and adjacent waters are backed by bulkheads and other hard structures designed to protect the properties behind the structures from erosion. Only a small percentage of the shoreline in the area remains unprotected. The presence of these structures has reduced the primary long term supply of sediments in the study area and in many cases may interrupt the natural longshore and cross shore patterns of sediment transport along the shoreline. This factor along with wave action has negatively affected the shoreline along the Seattle-Bremerton ferry route. This project is designed to test beach nourishment to restore and enhance the intertidal conditions at four sites.

ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as the lead agency for ESA consultation, will consult with the NMFS and/or the USFWS as required under Section 7 of the ESA. Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened; bald eagles, threatened; (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), threatened; bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), threatened; marbled murrelets (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), threatened; southern resident killer whale (*Orcinus orca*), endangered; humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), endangered; and

Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*), threatened may occur in the proposed project area. Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) critical habitat has been designated within the project area.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The FTA, as the lead agency for a determination regarding EFH, will consult with the National Marine Fisheries Services if necessary.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The FTA, as the lead agency for determining compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, will consult with the State Historic Preservation Office as appropriate. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.4[a][3]), with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The proposed discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

<u>ADDITIONAL EVALUATION</u>: The State of Washington is reviewing this work (for consistency with the approved Washington Coastal Zone Management Program) (and for compliance with the applicable State and Federal water quality standards pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act).

Point Glover and Enetai Beach proposals are the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit to be submitted to and processed by Kitsap County.

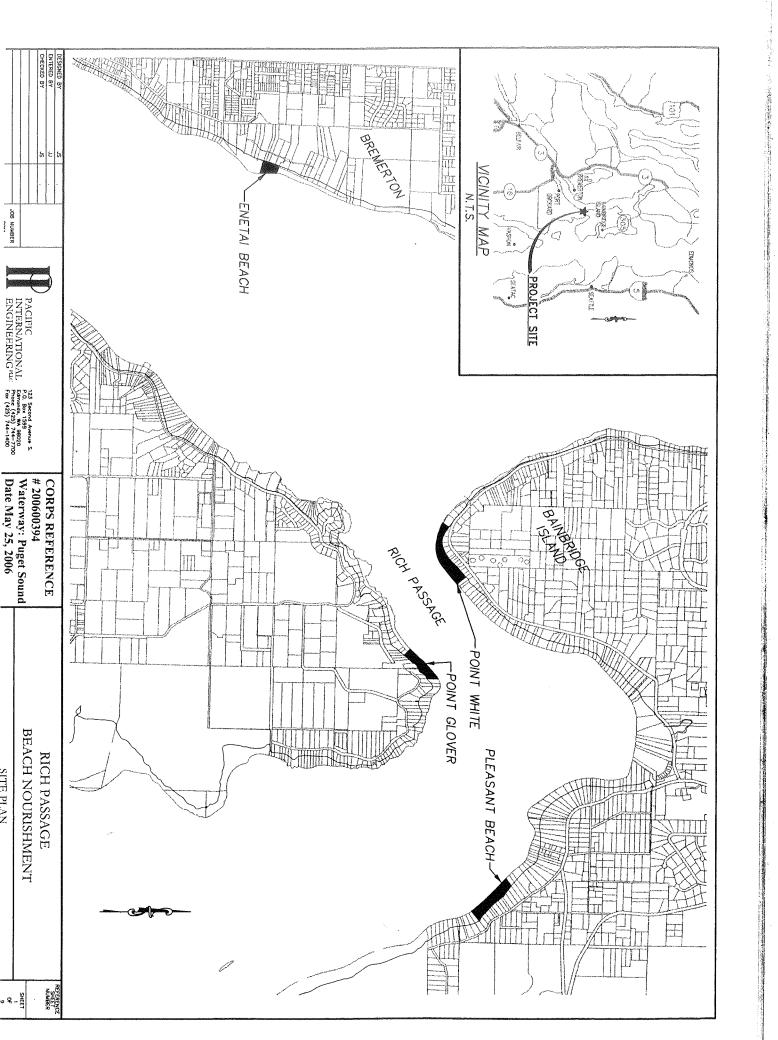
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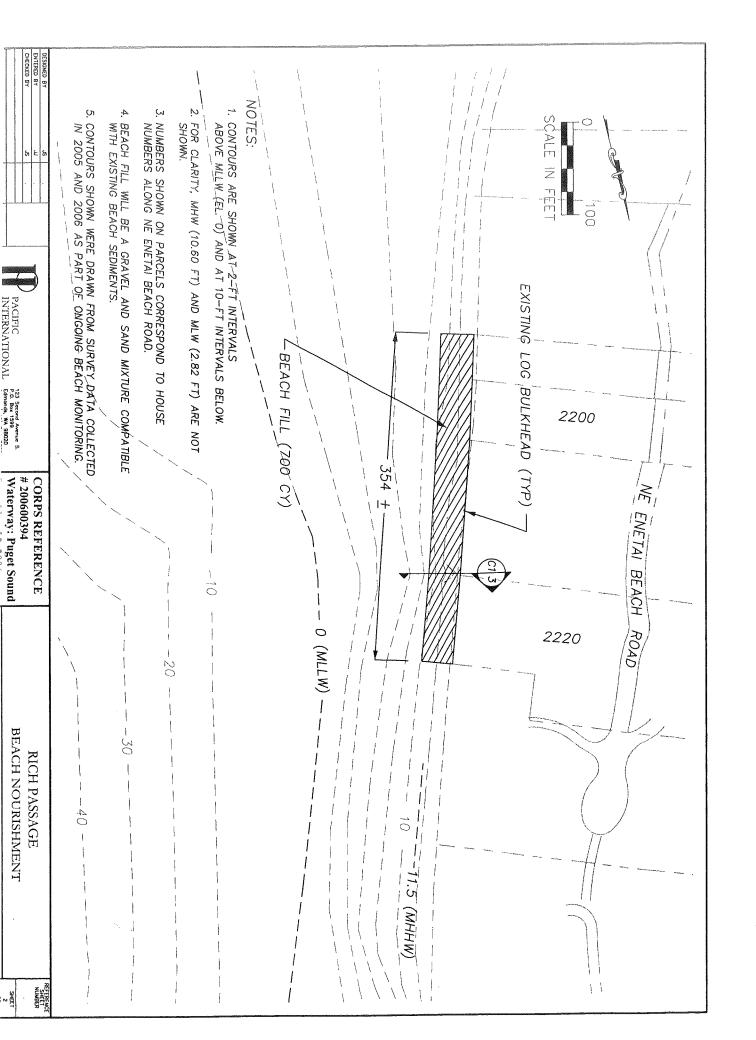
Point White and Pleasant Beach proposals are the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit to be submitted to and processed by the City of Bainbridge Island.

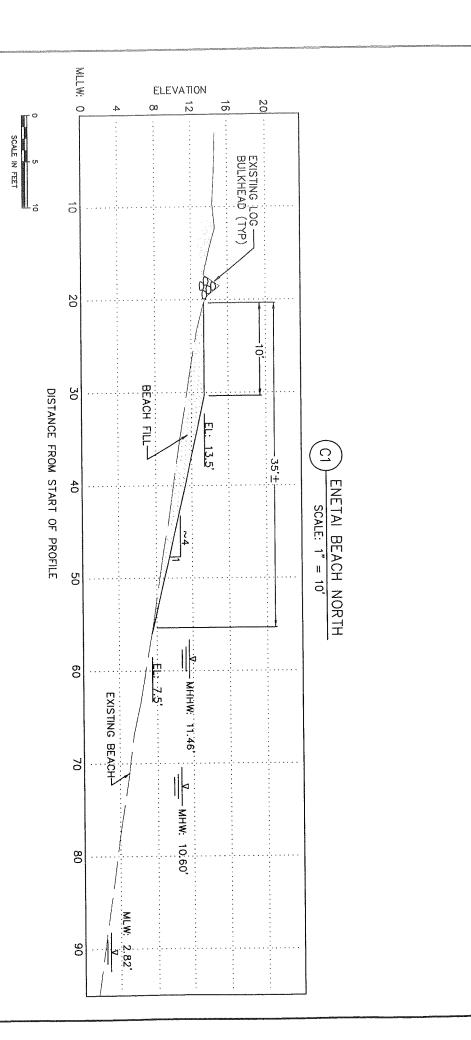
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to Richard.i.pratt@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. Both conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

Kitsap Transit, 200600394

Encl Drawings (9)







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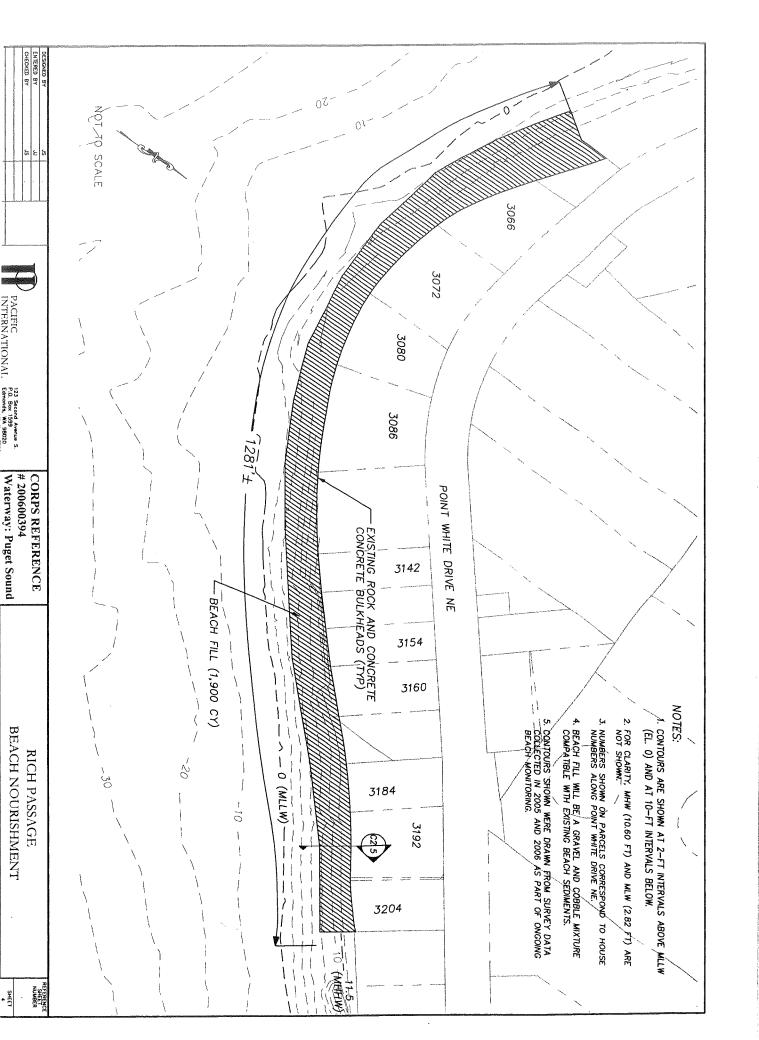
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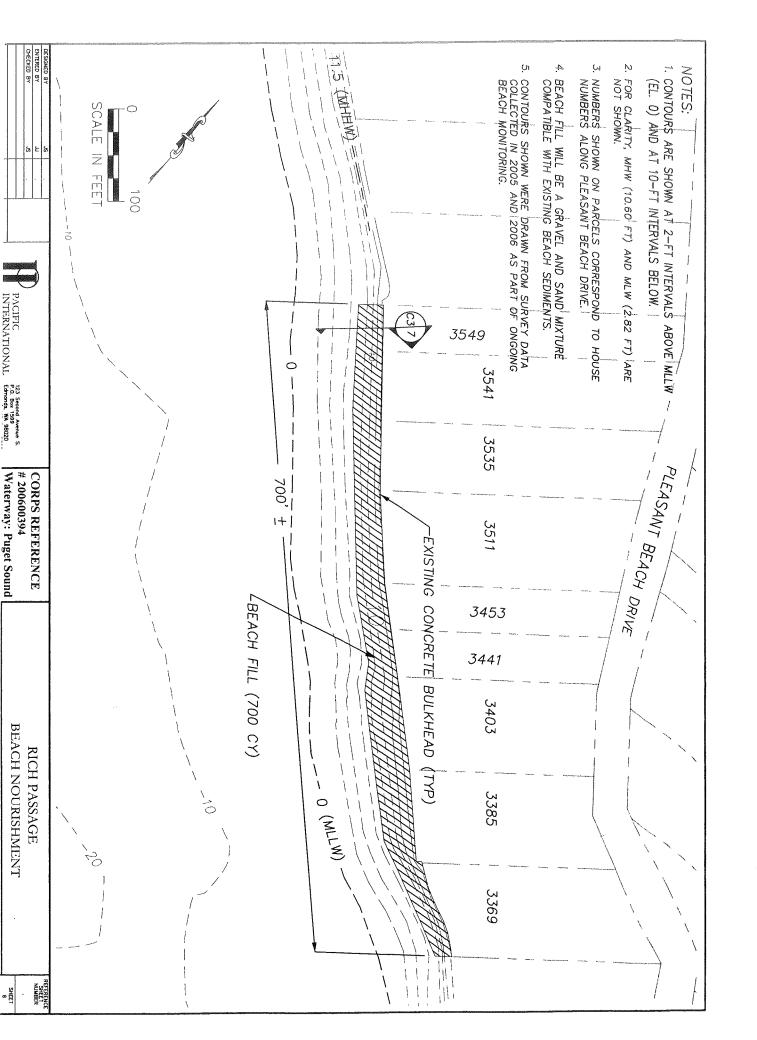
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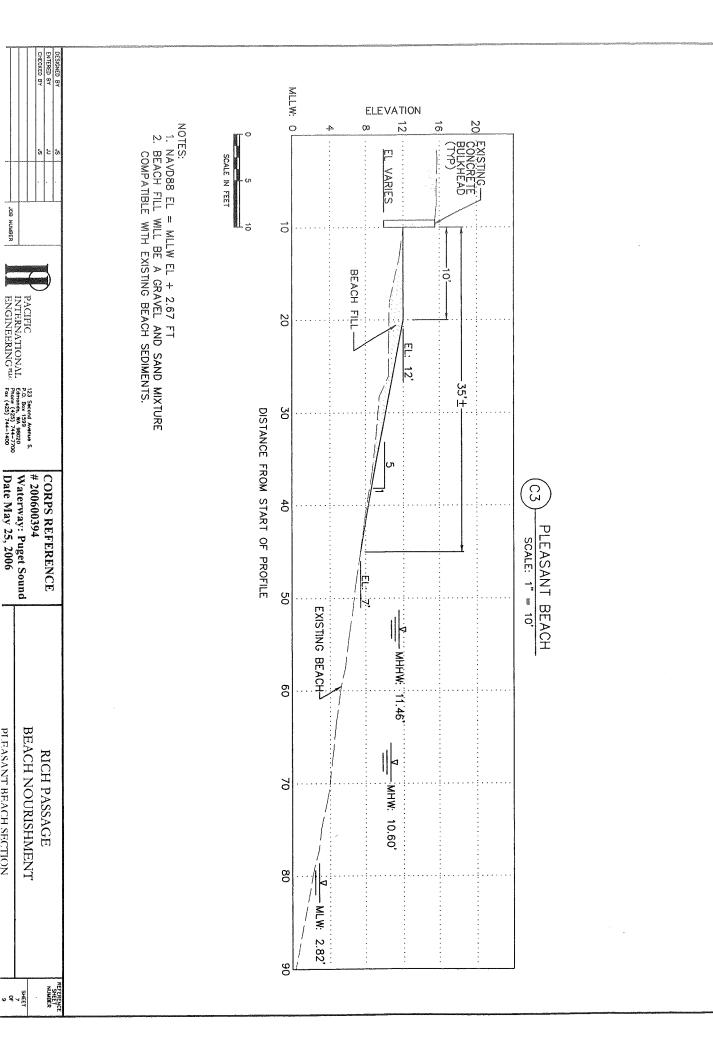
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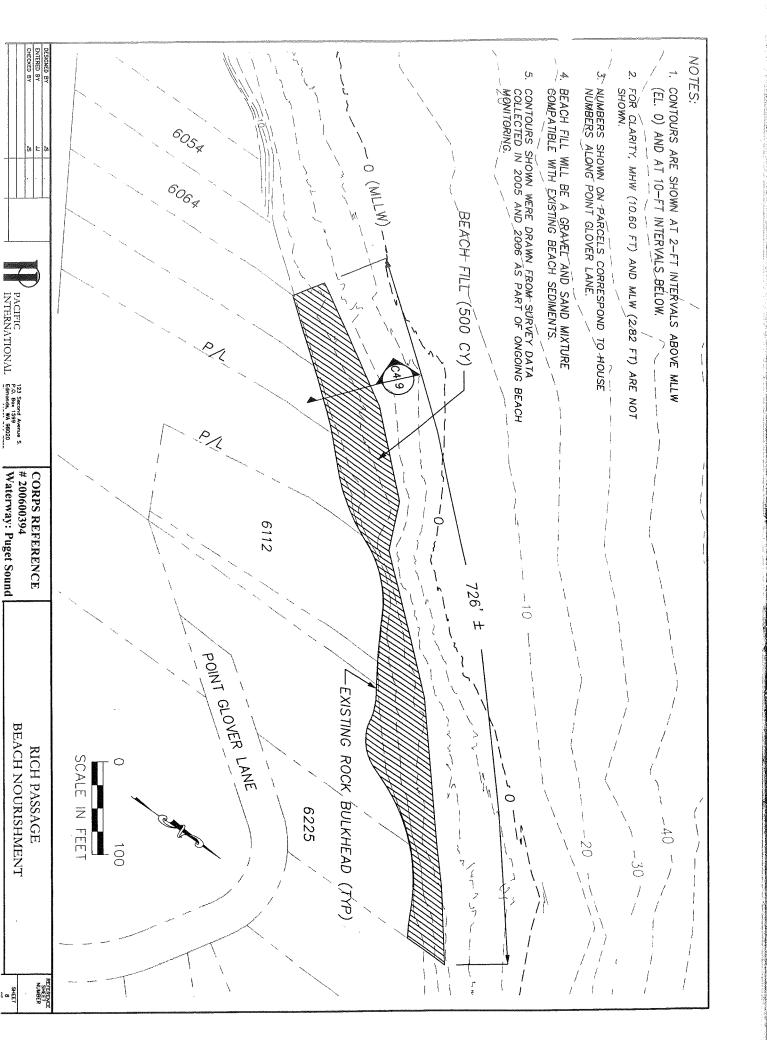
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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification
and for
Certification of Consistency with the
Washington Coastal Zone Management Program

Date: July 28, 2006

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. 200600394 will comply with the Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Notice is herby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 307© of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), to certify that the above referenced project will comply with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to the project on either or both (1) compliance with water pollution control laws or (2) the project's compliance or consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Federal Permit Coordinator Department of Ecology SEA Program Post Office Box 47600 Olympia, Washington 98504-7600